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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). . A method for detecting an attempt at manipulatory intervention in a smart card, which comprises the steps of:

using various sensors for detecting abnormal operating states;

sensing an occurrence of an abnormal operating state by some of the sensors; and

after the abnormal operating state has been sensed but before triggering a countermeasure, at least one of:

successively switching the sensors into a higher sensitization state, or

successively activating more sensitive sensors.

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Claim 2 (previously presented). The method according to claim 1, which comprises providing the sensors with different degrees of sensitivity.

Claim 3 (previously presented). The method according to claim 1, which comprises providing the sensors with sensitivities which can be set at different degrees.